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## Special for Xmas

Skating from 7:30 to 9:00, 15c.  
Dance 9:00 to 12:00, 50c.

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### VESTABURG ITEMS

By Our Own Correspondent

Charles McCreery, who bought the Harvey Hart residence and who has been suffering with rheumatism for some length of time, died at his home Sunday, Dec. 16, 1917, at the age of 52 years, having been born at Lansing, Mich., in 1865. His remains are to be taken to Midland Wednesday for interment. Full obituary next week.

R. E. Fisk was born in York state, Oct. 14, 1837, and passed away, at the home of his son William, of Vestaburg, on December 13, 1917, aged 80 years, 1 month and 29 days. He leaves to mourn their loss, his wife, Mary A. Fisk, and five sons, John T. of McBain, William of Vestaburg, Henry R. of Battle Creek, Bert of Riverdale, Mich., and Ed W. of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., beside a number of grand children and great grand children and a host of friends. Funeral services were held at the Church of Christ Sunday, December 16, Rev. J. D. Tanner officiating. Interment in the Vestaburg cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carls spent part of last week at Pine Grove at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Fred Wadde and returned home Saturday. James Favorite has moved onto the Crawford farm east of David Drushel. Harry Sutton of Millbrook, who has spent some time here visiting his brother, Casper Sutton, has enlisted in the coast artillery and left here to enter the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Warren, Myron Warren and daughter, Nellie, who have been visiting Fred Howay and other relatives, have returned to their home at North Java, N. Y.

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Tanner entertained at their home Sunday their grandson, Orla Mack and family, E. E. Erskin and family and Mrs. Lydia Mack.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thurlby are entertaining their nephew, Wm. Archibault and family, of Grand Rapids.

Miss Gladys Harris was home from S. C. Lakes over the week end.

John Berimus went to Grand Rapids Saturday evening.

There will be a dance in the M. W. A. hall Xmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Horton spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Rock Lake.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Bertlett spent the week end at Edmore at the home of their niece, Mrs. Minnie Cook and was accompanied home by their little niece, Neva Cook, who expects to spend the week with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Howard are entertaining the latter's father, Mr. E. C. of Goldville.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenhoe are entertaining the latter's brother, Frank Eavery, of Iowa.

Jollie Hare has bought the Earl Walker building west of his meat market and expects to put in a garage.

Base Hospital, Camp Levier, Greenville, S. C., Dec. 13, 1917.

Dear Mother—I am still well and on the job now. I haven't a very hard job now. I am on duty only eight hours. I have charge of the receiving office again. I go on duty at midnight and stay until 8 o'clock in the morning, and all I have to do is to make rounds to the wards every two hours to see that the men on duty in the wards are not asleep and see that things are all right in the office. Mother, I don't know how it happens but I have had it quite easy in the army to what some of the boys are having it, but it don't do to brag as the table might turn any time. Perhaps you folks think I am in the sunny south but if you were here you would change your mind as there is about six inches of snow on the ground now. It came night before last and I received that Xmas box the same night and it was fine to have a Xmas box and snow on the ground. It made me think I was home. I don't think there was another boy in camp that enjoyed it as much as I did. Well, the quarantine is off the camp and I have been to town once. There is no where near as much sickness although we have about seven hundred patients yet, but they are going out fast. I got a letter from Tony Sprague the other day and he is getting along fine. He says he can't get home for Xmas and I can't get no furlough so I guess neither one of us will get home until the war is over. Have you heard from Paul as to whether he is going to stay in Tennessee very long. They are planning on giving us a big time here Xmas. I suppose they are getting ready for a big time. Do they have any sleighing there, yet? Well, Mother, I will close for it is about time for me to make rounds again. Give my thanks to the Vestaburg friends for that Xmas box and those that helped to make it up as it was fine. Good bye, with love from FRED.

### ITHACA.

† Claude Salter, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Salter of Ithaca, has been made manager of the Jefferson avenue branch of the Detroit Savings bank.

Word has been received from three of Ithaca's boys, Lester Pressley, Floyd Thomas, and Neil Shaw, who were just about to land on French soil at the time they wrote. They report of a safe journey across the and said they had encountered no submarines.

Last week Wednesday Ernest Peters drove his auto into his garage and left it running while he went into the house. In a short time fire was discovered in the garage and the alarm given. By the prompt assistance of the fire department the flames were soon extinguished but Mr. Peters' new sedan Ford was nearly ruined.

J. F. Brennan of the Kelly-Brennan Stock company, was arrested in Flint Sunday and is now in jail at Ithaca, charged with being one of the principals in the Beatrice Epler murder case.

Last week the M. E. Aid society held their monthly meeting at the Red

Cross rooms. This week the Baptist society meet there Wednesday afternoon. The societies do Red Cross work at these meetings thus adding a bit to the good work being done here.

A large box of clothing has been sent to the Halifax sufferers by the ladies of Ithaca under the direction of Mrs. J. H. Vatcher.

George Wheeler while repairing a leak in the gas pipe leading to the Frank Harrington house, Monday, was overcome by the escaping fumes. J. B. Allen of Alma, wife deserter, pleaded guilty Saturday and was placed on probation for a period of two years on condition that he pay his wife twenty-five dollars before his release and five dollars a week thereafter for two years.

Leon Kokenesparger of Ashley was the first registrant to appear before the legal advisory board to have his questionnaire filled out. The lawyers are all busy with this work which will last about twenty days.

### ELM HALL.

† Mrs. Dunshie and daughter of McEnin are visiting at C. D. Hill's.

John Beauto has moved into the Blair house.

Mrs. Botcher is visiting at St. Louis and Shepherd.

Rev. Watson and wife attended district meeting at Belding.

Rev. Bodin of Scottville spoke to the Sunday school at the F. M. church Wednesday evening.

Wm. Connors, father and mother, have come to spend the winter with him.

Edie Hoxie was in town Saturday.

Seymore Harris entertained his brother-in-law, Charles Bennett, of Belding Saturday.

Lloyd Sexton of Detroit spent Wednesday night with Elwin Justin.

### RESULTS THAT REMAIN

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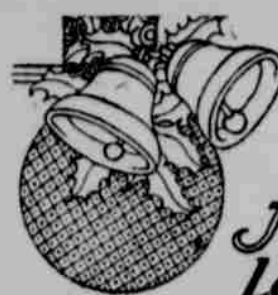
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BOYS' OVERCOATS.....	\$ 4.50 to \$16.50	POCKETBOOKS.....	\$ .25 to \$ 1.00
SMOKING JACKETS.....	\$ 5.00 to \$12.00	MILITARY BRUSHES.....	\$ 3.50 to \$ 5.00
BATH ROBES.....	\$ 5.00 to \$10.00	HAIR BRUSHES.....	\$ 1.00 to \$ 3.00
SPORT COATS.....	\$ 9.00 to \$12.00	PULLMAN SLIPPERS.....	\$ 1.50 to \$ 2.00
TRAVELING BAGS.....	\$ 4.50 to \$20.00	CIGAR CASES.....	\$ 1.00 to \$ 2.00
SUIT CASES.....	\$ 1.50 to \$15.00	CIGARETTE CASES.....	\$ 1.50 to \$ 3.00
FUR-LINED DRESS.....		COAT CHAINS.....	\$ .50 to \$ 1.00
GLOVES.....	\$ 5.00 to \$ 7.50	KNIFE AND CHAIN.....	\$ 1.50 to \$ 2.00
WOOL-LINED DRESS.....		CIGAR CUTTERS.....	\$ 1.50 to \$ 2.00
GLOVES.....	\$ 2.00 to \$ 3.00	CUFF LINKS.....	\$ .50 to \$ 2.00
WOOL AUTO GLOVES.....	\$ 4.50 to \$12.00	SCARF PINS.....	\$ .50 to \$ 2.00
WOOL SOX.....	\$ .60	TIE CLASPS.....	\$ .25 to \$ .50
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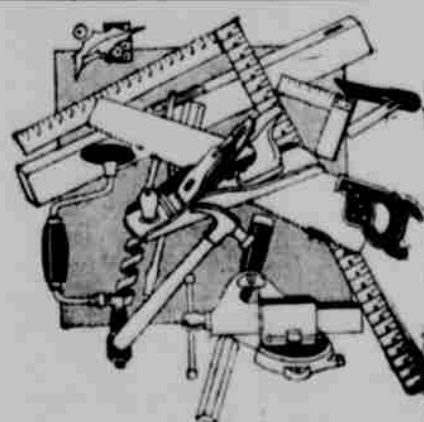
## Shop Early and Shop Here

Useful Things make the Best Presents and this year it is more important than ever that useful things be purchased. We have a large line of most useful articles that will make splendid presents.



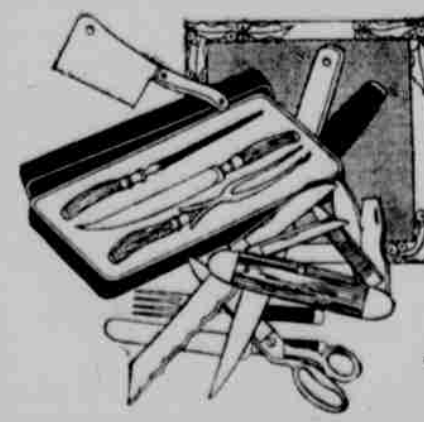
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